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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/997,519	Applicant(s) THOMPSON ET AL.	
	Examiner Paul H. Kang	Art Unit 2141	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 May 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 28 November 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1, 5, 9, 13, 15 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Val et al., US Pat. Application No. 2005/0198364 A1.

3. As to claims 1, 5, 9, 13, 15 and 18, Val teaches a method for playing a streamed content object using HTTP transport (§§0012-0014), the method comprising steps of:

receiving a first portion of the streamed content object using HTTP transport (§§0052-0053);

detecting user input corresponding to playback control of the streamed content object (control requests are received by the server; §§0052-0053); and

receiving a second portion of the streamed content object that is, at least partially, in response to the detecting step (based on the control request, data delivery is modified; §§0052-0053).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 2-4, 6-8, 10-12, 14, 16-17 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Val, in view of Lango et al., US Pat. No. 6,742,082 B1.

5. As to claim 3, Val teaches the invention substantially as claimed. However, Val does not explicitly teach the method and product further comprising a step of waiting for a key frame in the second portion before playing the second portion.

In the same field of endeavor, Lango teaches an HTTP enabled data streaming wherein a key frame in the second portion is received before playing the second portion (Lango, col. 13, lines 19-58).

6. As to claims 2, 4, 10, 11, 12, 16 and 17, Val-Lango teach the method and product wherein the first portion is played adjacent in time to the second portion without any playback in-between or overlapping in time or a non-contiguous point (e.g. Play, fast-forward, rewind; Val, ¶¶0052-0053 and Lango, col. 13, lines 19-58).

7. As to claims 6, 14 and 19, Val-Lango teach the method and product further comprising a step of determining a byte range for the second portion (Lango, col. 12, line 50 – col. 13, line

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58).

8. As to claim 7, Val-Lango teach the method and product further comprising a step of determining a location of the second portion in the streamed content object (Lango, col. 12, line 50 – col. 13, line 58).

9. As to claim 8, Val-Lango teach the method and product further comprising steps of requesting the first portion from a remote server, and requesting the second portion from the remote server (Val, ¶¶0052-0053 and Lango, col. 12, line 50 – col. 13, line 58).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul H. Kang whose telephone number is (571) 272-3882. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 hour flex. First Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia can be reached on (571) 272-3880. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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